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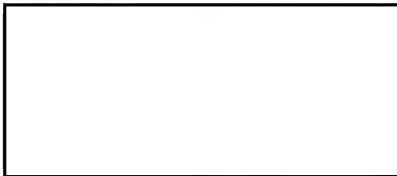
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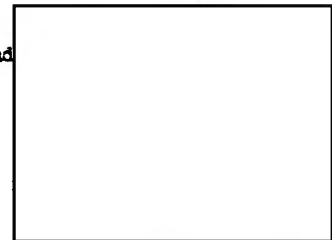
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1. "The Byelorussian river ports of Pinsk, Luninets and Slonim were supplied during the first half of April 1953 with new types of Soviet flat-bottomed river cutters, suitable for use on shallow rivers and canals.
2. "The cutters weigh between 250 and 1,000 tons each. Two types were delivered: 80 Diesel 'Motokaters' (motorcutters) and 12 'Elektrokaters' (electrocutters) which are actually floating electric power plants. The 'Motokaters' are to be used for transporting goods. The 'elektrokaters' have been already assigned to various Byelorussian river ports to serve as power plants for small factories, buildings and local radio stations."

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